

Community Relations and Tourism Committee

December 19, 2022

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by committee chairman, Trustee Miller.
2. Roll call- Jim Fleming, Christy Miller, Rod Randall, Matt Bernius, Mike Hilgenberg, Grant Corum. Guests include- Larry Schlabach, Russ Brough, Lamar Hostetler, Jeremy Hale, and Stephanie Weirman
3. New Business
  - a. Larry introduced the committee that has been put together to work on the wall display and the area in the 100 block of south Vine Street- Russ, Lamar and Jeremy. They have expressed an interested in the potential to purchase that site and have it developed. They are in the process of creating a LLC.
  - b. Jeremy H has plans to make an agreement with the LLC to have it part of that property. He is also working with them to have a mural done on the side of the building. They plan to move forward with the mural as soon as the funds are raised.
  - c. Rod indicated that the village does not have a firm timeline on when they plan to do anything with the property. The village plans to look at the Farnsworth plan and make a few decisions in the next several months. The village did say that they would have to have a firm plan and timeline to move forward with a discussion on the land with the LLC.
  - d. The village would like to keep some of the land for parking lot use and snow removal.
  - e. Both groups were going to go back and work on some more plans and ideas and then get back together for further discussion.
4. General Discussion
  - a. Stephanie Wierman said that a group of downtown businesses are curious to what the village is going to do with the gazabo parking lot. That same group would like to see the village do some streetscape revamping. Rod indicated that the village is looking into brighter streetlights but not new ones. Open to looking at freshening a few things up. Further discussion on this topic and more at the next Community Relations and Tourism meeting,

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40

*Christina Miller*